Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Meeting for WW and DW Utilities

September 24, 2021, virtual, as part of the <u>Indiana AWWA NW District's Fall Meeting</u> Registration is required. Register here: <u>Indiana AWWA NW District's Fall Meeting</u>

Agenda:

A regional water planning group(s) is forming in northwest Indiana and all drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities are invited to participate. The meeting is intended for: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Marshall, Pulaski, Fulton, White open to all who are interested. Elected officials and other interested parties are also welcome.

The purpose of the meeting is two-fold: one, to meet with neighbors to identify regional needs and two, to fulfill the legislative requirement to be eligible for State-supported financial resources.

The IFA will help lead a group conversation about the following topics:

- 1. Background/Purpose of Regional Meetings
- 2. First steps for getting organized: when, where, what, who
- 3. Proposed boundaries for the Northwest Region
- 4. Going forward, ideas of topics to discuss:
 - a. Utility Management and Operational topics
 - b. Supply/demand Central Indiana Water Study
 - c. Water quality/source water protection
 - d. Regional Infrastructure needs
- 5. Survey to fulfill SEA 4 (2019) reporting requirement

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